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Newsletter #37:

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Hello all, I hope you all had a good week. I'm personally starting to get depressed watching the news. The U.S. is definitely experiencing some troubling times and this is when I find it comforting to immerse myself in the world of numismatics. It certainly is easier than watching CNN! In any case I hope you and your families are safe and sound. Let's get to the business of the week.

Savoca Online Auction 18 - Munich, Germany (October 8)

Savoca has 368 lots of ancient coins in this online auction. Savoca is a great place to find good deals so perusing their coins is worth your time. I'm registered to bid so if you are interested in anything please reach out. This auction is viewable on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Cgb.fr Auction Auction 234 (October 9)

The site is a little difficult to navigate through but cgb.fr has some interesting pieces. There are 782 coins and paper money in the sale. I'm registered to bid and will be participating for clients so if you find something interesting just let me know and I can help you out. Please contact me for details. This auction can be viewed on Sixbid or Numisbids.

CNG E Auction 407 (October 11)

CNG has 870 coins on offer in this auction. As always there are many nice pieces. I plan to participate so please get in touch if you need my help. This sale can be viewed on Sixbid or Numisbids

Gorny & Mosch Auction 249 (October 11) and E Auction 251 (October 15)

It's that time of year again for fall auctions at G&M. They have three separate catalogs with the first (249) being only ancient coins. There are 1,105 coins on offer in Auction 249. There are many pedigreed and beautiful pieces available. Unfortunately with just returning from Europe and going again on October 19th to Switzerland it was simply too much to attend this year. I will however be available for phone or online bidding. Additionally, I can give advice on lots for anyone that needs it. Please just get in touch with me. The E Auction on the 15th are two private collections of 1,640 lots. Again I will be available for bidding if needed.

51 Gallery (October 19)

There are only 130 lots in this auction with 110 being coins, however, I have to say that I am impressed by their Greek coins. Many of them are heavily pedigreed and outstanding in quality. I have already contacted 51 Gallery for a few customer lots I am phone bidding. If you would like representation for this auction please let me know soon so I can add to the lots. Since my flight doesn't leave until evening I will be bidding in this auction with relative ease. You can view the auction on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Switzerland Trip (Oct 19-26) and catalogs for Nomos, NAC, Leu and Sincona

I am attending all four auctions in Switzerland starting on the 22nd. I'll arrive on the 20th to begin the viewing process for everything. Some of you have received catalogs from me already. I requested 10 more catalogs from Leu and they just came today. I also have quite a few of Nomos and NAC left. I have only a few catalogs for Sincona left but I'm happy to provide those as well. Of course all of these auctions can be easily viewed online. NAC is only Roman this time around and Nomos, Leu and Sincona have a good mix of Greek, Roman, Byzantine types. For all these auctions I can help with estimating proper bid levels and providing viewing notes in Switzerland but all this is not possible without a little advance notice. Being at the auction is only fun with some bids so please let me know if I can help! It won't cost you anything and it greatly helps me keep my business moving along!

Coinsweekly

I know that most of you are familiar with Coinsweekly but if you aren't allow me to plug them a bit. There isn't a lot of places where you can get all your news for coins. That is, news that isn't slanted towards making a sale. Coinsweekly is a great website and weekly email where you get all the information on what and who is making the numismatic world tick. Ursula Kampmann and her crew work tirelessly on bringing the latest in auctions, people and places. It's also a good place to get to know people involved in the hobby both academically and commercially, through the "Who's Who" column. Even yours truly has been written up! Sign up for the newsletter. You won't regret it for a minute. Oh and by the way, it is written in German as well if you prefer that. Here is a link for it:

http://www.coinsweekly.com/en//7

Coin of the Week **http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/**

Diocletian. 284-305 AD. Uncertain (Cyzicus or Antioch) Mint, 293 AD.
AV Aureus, 5.44g (20mm, 6h). Special Issue. DIOCLETIANVS AVGVSTVS, laureate head right / CONCORDI–AE AVGG NN, Diocletian and Maximianus seated left on curule chairs, each holding globe in right hand and parazonium in left, being crowned by Victory.

Pedigree: Ex Rauch 51 (20 September 1993), lot 462; Leo Biaggi de Blasys Collection, 1695; "Universal Collection" [Braun] (A. Hess 202, 28 October 1930), lot 2787; J. Hirsch XXIX (9 November 1910), lot 1298; H. Osborne O'Hagan Collection (Part III, Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, 13 July 1908), lot 688

Price: $17,500

Diocletian was one of the most effective emperors of the changing Roman empire. He is probably best known for bringing the 3rd century chaos to a halt that overwhelmed the empire. He also established the short lived government institution of a tetrarchy. The tetrarchy distributed the power equally among four co-rulers in four frontier cities of the empire. Specifically these were Nicomedia, Mediolanum, Antioch and Trier. More notably it took the leadership role from the decaying city of Rome and paved the way for the new capital of Constantinople in the eastern empire. He took as his co-rulers Maximian, his fellow officer, as co-emperor (in 286 AD) and as junior co-emperors Galerius and Constantius (in 293 AD). Diocletian also made the Roman empire the most bureaucratic in its existence. He did this by expanding civil and military services, as well as placing more emphasis on distribution of power in the newly formed administrative districts. Diocletian was the first Roman emperor to step down from power. He retired to the Dalmatian coast and died a natural death as compared to the rulers before who usually met their fate via battle or assassination.

Unfortunately Diocletian was also known for his horrific treatment of Catholics. From 303-311 AD, he was responsible for the persecution and murder of scores of people. This only ended with the accession of Constantine I, the Great, who was a Catholic. More damaging to his legacy, the tetrarchy suffered a collapse shortly after Diocletian had retired.

This particular coin comes with an illustrious pedigree over 100 years old. It first came to auction in 1908 when it was part of the H. Osborne O'Hagan Collection that Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge collection. It eventually landed in the premier collection of Leo Biaggi de Blasys and was finally auction in 1993 through the Viennese auction house Rauch.

References: RIC V 313 (Antioch); Lukanc 7 (p. 150, 3 and p. 154, 6 [Antioch; same dies]); Pink, Goldprägung, p. 43 (Cyzicus); Depeyrot 13/1 (Cyzicus); Calicó 4430; Biaggi 1695 (this coin); NAC 80, lot 230 (same dies); cf. NAC 67, lot 210 (for type; same obv. die)

Grade: EF, lustrous; minor flan defect on neck on obverse; graffito in field on reverse

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

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Until next week!
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